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CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

As we look back on 2023, it's with immense pride and gratitude that we reflect on our milestone moments and achievements.

We continued to foster strong ties within the community through engagement initiatives. We added a wildland apparatus at Station 8 in Clackamas to boost wildfire response capability. We upgraded our communication systems, firefighting equipment, and medical response tools, and increased firefighting staffing.

Thank you for allowing us to selflessly serve you, and we look forward to another year of service.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

As we roll into this new year, we would like to thank our community once again, for supporting us by passing the emergency services levy in May 2023. Our need was three-fold: Increase staffing in our fire stations, invest in equipment, and be able to more effectively fight wildfires.

We're happy to inform you that we have met our hiring goals for year one of the levy and with one academy graduated and the second just around the corner. Beginning January 2024, the Fire District has increased staffing in Stations 1, 8, 14, 15, and 19, which will have a direct, positive impact on the cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie, and Oregon City, as well as the communities of Boring and Damascus.



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Be on the lookout for more information regarding the re-opening of Station 13 in the Clarkes community, which will be happening later this year. We will also be keeping you updated on how we are putting those levy dollars directly to work to better serve you.



ELECTRICAL AND HOME HEATING FIRE SAFETY

Heating and electrical fires can happen any time and in any room of your home because of overloading electrical outlets or extension cords, or placing combustible materials too close to heating equipment. In winter months, heating and electrical residential fires spike because of increased use of heating appliances. To lower the risk of a fire caused by heating there are several simple things you can do to make your home more fire safe.

- Keep flammables three feet away from furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, and portable space heaters.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Unplug portable space heaters when not in use, when leaving the room, or before going to bed.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

YEAR-END STATS

In 2023, Clackamas Fire District responded to 30,916 calls for service within the cities and communities we serve, which included mutual aid. Medical emergencies and rescues accounted for 69% of the responses.

In 2022, Clackamas Fire District responded to 29,164 calls for service, with medical emergencies and rescues accounted for 67% of the responses.



CALL TRACKER

2023

Total Calls: 30,916

EMS/Rescue: 21,305

Fire: 821

Good Intent: 4,420

Service Call: 2,999

Other: 1,371

2022

Total Calls: 29,164

EMS/Rescue: 19,614

Fire: 743

Good Intent: 4,570

Service Call: 2,711

Other: 1,526